

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	29.3	54.4	66.0	56.8	61.5	61.5
• Passed 2 subtests	24.1	20.6	16.0	21.1	19.0	19.6
• Passed 1 subtest	22.4	20.6	12.0	13.1	12.4	11.5
• Passed no subtests	24.1	4.4	6.0	9.0	7.0	7.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	0.0%	14.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	0.0%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	24.4%	41.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	70.2%	0.0%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	0.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	73.3%	0.0%	
Gender			
Male	73.3%	0.0%	
Female	68.8%	0.0%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	62.5%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	86.7%	0.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	59.3%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	89.5%	0.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	60.8%
Completers placed	90.9%
Eligible students enrolled	57.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,425	N/A	\$5,814	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.9%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	23.2 to 1	N/A	23.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=261)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	33.3%	N/A	29.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 94.5%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.6%	Up from 8.6%	11.8%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=23)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 6.4	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 96.2%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	30.4%	Down from 40.9%	44.6%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	87.0%	Up from 77.3%	80.7%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.3%	Down from 4.5%	4.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.3%	Down from 86.6%	84.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,879	Up 3.9%	\$37,139	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.5%	Down from 5.4%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.1%	N/A	56.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	49.2%	N/A	64.5%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	2.3%	Down from 14.7%	10.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	10	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	7.3%	Down from 13.6%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	22.1%	Up from 14.1%	12.2%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	25.7%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	150	N/A	352	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	16.5%	N/A	26.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

RS-M High has had a good year. Things accomplished were:

Exit exam math scores were up 12 percentage points.
Four students are attending Boys'/Girls' State Conf.
Two students are attending Presbyterian Leadership Conf.
Two students received "All-State" recognition in school sports
Two students are participating on the Americal Legion Baseball Team.
School has been repainted and track facilities are complete.
Honors program established.

Future looks bright. Preliminary viewing of SAT scores of juniors shows an overall increase in scores and the possibility of several Life and Palmetto Scholars for 2001-02.

A Physical Education Grant may provide the school and community with improved or more facilities for use by students and community members.
The future looks bright for our students, but parental support and involvement are still needed. Partnering with the school can only bring great results.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.0	51.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0	51.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	68.0	80.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 261 Students

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Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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